

referrals concerning their reproductive health options.

S. 844. A bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 845. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired servicemembers who have a service-connected disability to receive disability compensation and either retired pay or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period with respect to such concurrent receipt.

S. 846. A bill to provide fair wages for America's workers.

S. 847. A bill to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall oil profits.

S. 848. A bill to improve education, and for other purposes.

S. 851. A bill to reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1832. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled, "43 CFR Part 423, Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Lands and Projects (extension of expiration date)" (RIN1006-AA49) received on March 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-37. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes of the State of Florida relative to the community development financial institutions programs ("CDFI"); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-38. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Brunswick Naval Air Station in Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas within the year, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, will make recommendations about which military installations are to be considered for closure in cost-cutting measure for the military and has indicated that reduction may total 25% or an estimated 100 bases; and

Whereas the State of Maine has a distinct and important military installation that is at risk of closure, the Brunswick Naval Air Station; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station is one of 4 remaining bases at the corners of the continental United States that are perfectly situated for maritime interdiction of weapons of mass destruction threats; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station is the only fully capable active duty military airfield in the northeastern United States and is indispensable in both our current and future efforts to counter threats to our security; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station has more than 63,000 square miles of unencumbered airspace for training and exercise missions and has plenty of space for expansion, even for housing other branches of the military; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station is the only airfield in the region with a completely secured perimeter for military operations, and Brunswick's 2 parallel runways allow for the operation of all aircraft the Department of Defense possesses today and anticipates for the future; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station has an outstanding force protection layout, is on the coast and is easily accessible by all forms of transportation, and aircraft can take off and land there without flying over major centers of population; and

Whereas the Maine National Guard is coordinating an initiative to construct an Armed Forces Reserve Center on Brunswick Naval Air Station. Tenants would include the Maine Army National Guard, the Maine Air National Guard and the Marine Corps Reserves; and

Whereas the Army National Guard has begun the process of replacing its current fixed-wing utility fleet with a fixed-wing cargo fleet; and

Whereas Brunswick Naval Air Station has been selected by the National Guard Bureau as one of its regional cargo hubs, and the bureau's recommendation has been sent to the Department of the Army; and

Whereas the Maine Army National Guard is evaluating the possibility of stationing 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters at Brunswick Naval Air Station to provide search-and-rescue missions along the Maine coast; and

Whereas the people of the State of Maine have long been at the forefront of our Nation's defense, and first to join and send troops in any conflict and have a strong tradition of support and appreciation for the bases within our borders: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, your Memorialists, take this opportunity to convey our appreciation for the advocacy and support for Brunswick Naval Air Station that the Congress of the United States and the Maine Congressional Delegation have provided over the years, and we strongly urge the Congress of the United States to consider the importance of this installation in this time of war on terrorism and the vital need to protect our Nation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-39. A Senate concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to the Purple Heart medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1607

Whereas Marine Corporal Travis Eichelberger, a native of Atchison, Kansas, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2000 and was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries received while in Iraq. After being hospitalized for some time at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and returning to Kansas awaiting a medical discharge from the medical service, he was notified that the award of his medal was a mistake and would be withdrawn; and

Whereas Corporal Eichelberger is included in a group of 11 marines whose Purple Heart medals have been withdrawn for injuries received while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas it is through the patriotic efforts of young men such as Corporal Eichelberger that the United States is able to take military action to bring freedom and democracy to nations such as Iraq. Corporal Eichelberger is very proud of his service in the Marine Corps and would gladly serve again if physically able: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein*, That the Kansas Legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States to direct that necessary action be taken so that Corporal Eichelberger retain the Purple Heart medal he so richly deserves; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State provide enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

POM-40. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the Congressional Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 23

Whereas United States Army and Department of Defense officials are reviewing a recommendation to upgrade Major Winters' Distinguished Service Cross to the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

Whereas Major Winters was originally nominated for the Medal of Honor by Colonel Robert F. Sink, commander of the 506th Regiment, for heroic actions on June 6, 1944, during the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, as 1st Lieutenant, Acting Commanding Officer of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, VII Corps; and

Whereas Major Winters' extraordinary planning, fighting and commanding on that day 60 years ago in Nazi-occupied Normandy during his regiment's first combat operation saved countless lives and expedited the Allied inland advance; and

Whereas with his company outnumbered by German soldiers, Major Winters destroyed German guns at Brecourt Manor and secured causeways for troops coming off Utah Beach; and

Whereas Major Winters' battle plan for a small-unit assault on German artillery has been taught at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

Whereas Major Winters accomplished a hazardous mission with valor, inspired his service colleagues through example and effectively organized his company into support and assault teams on the day of invasion in the campaign for European liberation during World War II: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Major Richard D. Winters without further delay; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-41. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio relative to the protection of the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) from the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 16

Whereas the DSCC is the twelfth largest employer in central Ohio, employing more than six thousand Ohioans; and

Whereas the DSCC is known throughout the world by more than twenty-four thousand military and civilian customers as one